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SUBJECT: BURMA'S H1N1 CASES RISE TO FIFTEEN

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¶1. (U) Burmese health officials confirmed August 6 they have diagnosed a total of 15 A/H1N1 cases in Burma. The latest case is a three-year-old child with a relative who had been diagnosed with A/H1N1 upon returning from Singapore August 1. Health authorities are monitoring all passengers that traveled on the same Silk Air flight with the infected traveler, as well as relevant airport staff. Of the 15 officially identified A/H1N1 cases identified, 10 have been discharged from Burmese medical facilities after making full recoveries. The remaining five remain under medical care at Rangoon hospitals.

¶2. (SBU) Although international press reports and public health officials continue to speculate that the actual number of cases could be higher, the regime is striving to appear transparent regarding A/H1N1. State-run New Light of Myanmar has had regular reporting on the status of A/H1N1, including identified cases and prevention methods, since the Health Ministry reported Burma's first case June 28.
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